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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, US, KS
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PARK TO A NEW TERM

1. UNLESS THE SKY FALLS IN, WE EXPECT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON UNIFICATION TO RE-ELECT PRESIDENT PARK TO A NEW SIX-YEAR TERM ON JULY 6. THIS RAISES THE QUESTION OF HOW WE TREAT THE PRESIDENT'S SUCCESS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS COMMON PRACTICE FOR HEADS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS FOLLOWING AN ELECTION VICTORY. THIS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE, AND WILL NO DOUBT BE EXPECTED, WHEN PRESIDENT PARK IS INAUGURATED FOR THE NEW TERM. FURTHER, A MESSAGE AT THIS TIME COULD WELL BE USED AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTION PROCESS JUST COMPLETED. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE OR NECESSARY TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE YUSHIN SYSTEM, NEITHER DO WE SEE ANY NEED FOR OVERT SUPPORT. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH US AND AGREES WITH THE POSITION EXPRESSED ABOVE.

2. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, THE CHARGE INTENDS TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RE-ELECTION IN A NOTE TO THE PRESIDENT THANKING HIM FOR FLOWERS RECEIVED ON JULY 4.
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